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IN THE CLAIMS

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13. A system as claimed in claim 8 wherein the write layer comprises TbFeCo, and the copy layer comprises CoFe/Pt super lattice.

Remarks

The above amendments have been made to correct minor inadvertent errors in the specification and claims.

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Marked-Up Specification

At page 6, please replace the paragraph beginning "The medium type" and ending "followed by experimental results" with:

The medium type which is included herein preferably includes a [CoPt] Co/Pt readout layer on a TbFeCo memory or write layer. In a preferred form, an exchange or coupling layer 108 is provided. This medium type was chosen to provide a temperature dependence of coercivity as schematically depicted in FIG. 4. The principle of operation is briefly described followed by experimental results.

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